

# BLACKSTONE AND TOBACCO

Waiting for a Good Season to Make Christmas Buyers Come to Market.

NOW A GOOD SHOW STAND

New Pastors Arrive and Are Given a Warm Welcome—Interesting Coming Wedding.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BLACKSTONE, VA., Dec. 6.—Much complaint is heard here that the continued cool, dry weather is preventing tobacco from being marketed, and thus causing a general depression in all lines of business. Two weeks ago a marked increase was noted, but since that time the pendulum has about stood still. A good rain and warmer weather would bring bright smiles to all the faces here.

All the stores are dressed in holiday attire, and the merchants are awaiting the rush of Christmas trade, which will surely come with the first good tobacco season.

The prices on tobacco here have advanced some over the opening sales of the season, and the planters are expressing themselves a little more hopefully. Whether they will continue or not is more a matter of opinion.

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Blackstone is fast outgrowing its provincial ways, and is now made a point by the traveling theatrical troupes. Several have been here recently, and on Thursday night, last night and to-night a large hall has been filled with a three-night engagement at the Music Hall.

The product of the Blackstone now is Captain J. M. Harris, owner of the fine pointer puppy, Sambo Jingo, that took first prize in all three classes in which he was entered at Richmond's Bench Show last week.

Mr. Harris has been regarded as a great dog man heretofore, but he is very much one now.

Rev. W. B. Daughtry, the new pastor of the Baptist Church, arrived with his wife on Thursday, and will connect his first service to-morrow.

Mr. Daughtry comes here from the Eastern Shore and his departure was much regretted by his church there. The welcome extended him here will be a cordial one by all the denominations.

Much interest is felt here among the friends of the groom-to-be in the forthcoming marriage in Richmond of Miss Lydia Louise Harris to Mr. William Henry Goodwyn, which will take place on the 13th inst.

Mr. Goodwyn is a son of Judge C. F. Goodwyn, of the County Court of this county, and is now making a tour of friends in this section. The home of his father is at Nottingham Courthouse.

Rev. S. C. Halcher, pastor of Market Street Baptist Church, will preach the third sermon in the course for the students of the Female Institute on to-morrow morning.

MISS FULLER RECHES.  
To-night, Miss Fuller, the accomplished pianist, will give a recital in the chapel of the Female Institute, and friends of that institution.

Some ice has already been gotten in this section, the first this early in the season. It is not so much as it has been, but it is getting early to get it.

The Thanksgiving offering at the new Presbyterian Church on last Sunday amounted to about \$150. There is still some money in the church, which the members are striving hard to remove. They hope to accomplish this in a short while.

FULTON NEWS.  
A surprise party was tendered Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Jones on Friday night. A large number of the members of the church were present, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Among the guests were: Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. Nelson, Captain and Mrs. John Shinn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill, Miss Samuel Meredith, Mr. J. M. Bryant, Mr. J. W. Blingley, Mr. Winfree Carr, Mrs. Charles Mosby, Miss Norma Mosby, Mrs. John Vaughan, Mr. William Kelley, Mr. J. C. O'Leary, Mrs. W. J. May.

The surprise was arranged by the Ladies' Auxiliary Society, and was well carried out. The members of the church were present, and a pleasant evening was spent.

At a late hour an excellent collation was served by the ladies. The little party was a success, and the force of the fall drove the horn far back in his mouth, cutting him quite badly.

The wound was already profusely bleeding when Dr. George Barkshire, the family physician, arrived. Dr. Barkshire soon checked the hemorrhage and administered the necessary treatment.

The sufferer is getting along very nicely. Denny Street M. E. Sunday school elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Wednesday night at the regular monthly meeting of the church and teachers: Superintendent, George M. Rogers; assistant superintendent, Eddie L. Edwards; secretary, W. R. Christian; assistant secretary, Thomas Whitlow; treasurer, Lee Jordan; collector, James Avery, Jr.; chairman, C. D. Parish; first assistant, Lee Parish; second assistant, Thomas Honobrough; organist, Miss Pearl Smith; assistant, Miss Matilda Nelson; chorister, Samuel Jones.

The Young People's Union of Fulton Baptist Church is progressing well. The topics for the month with the leaders are as follows: To-night, at 7 o'clock, "The Hoffman" leader, Mr. Gray Nickols; December 13th, "The Unhappy Man," leader, Mrs. Willie Austin; December 20th, "Conditions of Success," leader, Mr. Charles Childress; December 27th, "How Love Came," leader, Miss Mayme Jordan. The meetings will be

held at 7 o'clock, and a welcome is extended to all.

Mr. Al Cornwell, who has been ill at his residence, "Wilton," Henrico county, is improving under the care of his physician, Dr. B. S. Jearns.

Alderman Louis Washer, who has been ill for several weeks, is now able to be up and walk around in his room.

Mrs. C. C. Rice, who has been quite sick, is much improved.

Louis D., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rice, is ill at his father's residence on Louisiana Street.

Mrs. James Childress died Thursday night at her residence, 507 Denny Street, after a prolonged illness. Mrs. Childress' death was not expected.

The funeral took place from Fulton Baptist Church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. David Hepburn, the pastor, conducted the service, and the burial was in Oakwood.

The morning service at 11 o'clock at Denny Street Methodist Episcopal Church will be conducted by Dr. Wm. A. Tudor, the pastor.

At the funeral service the pastor, Rev. A. A. Jones, will preach. His subject will be "The Result of a Hardened Heart."

Rev. Dr. E. L. Pell will address the Sunday School of Denny Street this morning.

Regular services will be held at Fulton Baptist Church. The pastor, Rev. David Hepburn, will conduct both services. At 11 A. M., Mr. Hepburn will take for his subject "The Higher Life." At 8 P. M., the subject will be "A Pointed Question." "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" J. Peter, 1718, is the subject for the evening discourse.

At the Apostolic Church, Pastor Jno. W. Dougherty will preach at both services.

The subject at 11 o'clock will be "The Restoration of All Things." At 7:30 P. M., the subject will be "The Lake of Fire."

At the conclusion of the evening service, the Lord's Supper will be administered and elders will be ordained.

Mattaponi Tribe, No. 110, I. O. R. M., held its regular meeting Wednesday night at Nelson's Hall, on Williamsburg Avenue.

Mr. Ernest Whitlock, who was brought home from the Memorial Hospital about a week ago, is improving rapidly.

The oyster supper given at Jeffery's pavilion on the Government road, near the National Cemetery, was a successful affair. A large attendance and a well-executed program made a pleasant evening for every one present.

The proceeds are for a very worthy cause.

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Ezekiel Lawson, the Pamunkey Indian who came here for medical attention, is at the home of a relative, James Langston, on State Street. He is improving under the care of his physician Dr. J. P. Williams.

Mrs. Louis Washer, who has been extremely ill at the Williamsburg residence, is improving.

Mr. Nelson Enghous is slowly improving after a long spell of illness.

Many of the stores in Fulton have taken on the appearance of Christmas holidays.

A large variety of Christmas goods are displayed in the windows.

"The silver tea" given by the Ladies' Auxiliary Society of Denny Street Methodist Episcopal Church for the benefit of the church, at the residence of Mrs. Samuel Meredith, on Williamsburg Avenue, was a brilliant success.

Mrs. Robert Crockett, of Louisiana Street, who has been ill for some time, is now in a serious condition.

Mr. D. W. Shreeves has returned after a short visit to relatives at West View, Va.

Richard Trueman, who has been ill for many months, is now in an extremely dangerous condition.

Miss Clara Champion is ill at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Antonio Silva, on Fulton Street.

Mrs. John Crowder, who has been confined at her home with grip, is now able to be out.

Mrs. Andrew Boulevard continues ill at her home on State Street.

Mr. John F. Whitlow is able to be out after a spell of illness.

The People's Drug Store is getting ready for Christmas. Mr. A. R. McCall, the efficient manager, will shortly install a large stock of various kinds of goods.

Mr. Dudley R. Johnson, who resides at Marion Hill, is able to be out after a spell of sickness.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Society of Denny Street M. E. Church will meet Monday afternoon at Nelson's Hall. Business of importance will come up and all members are requested to be present.

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The Woman's Study Club of Highland Springs held their regular meeting Tuesday night with a good attendance. The president, Mrs. Maude Storer Collins, presiding. Mrs. E. S. Read opened the literary exercises with a sketch of the life of Longfellow. Mrs. Isabel Blible favored the club with a reading of "The Week of the Hezperia." Miss De Wolf gave a selection from "The Haunted House," with dramatic skill. Dr. Roope recited "The Day is Done" in an exquisite manner. The roll call was responded to by the members, with a quotation from Longfellow. A parliamentary drill was led by the vice-president, Mrs. Lillie Daney, after which physical culture exercises were taken up, conducted by Dr. Roope.

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